



## **DX bulletin 397**

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## **DX News**

### **VK9CE Cocos Keeling Island –now QRT**

We have now finished the Cocos Keeling Islands activation, making just over 10,000 contacts from the evening of the 16th of March to just after 1300 local time on the 23rd March. All contacts have been uploaded to Club Log, eQSL, LoTW and QRZ. David, EB7DX – our hard copy QSL Manager will be doing cards shortly and is in the process of setting up OQRS on Club Log to do the Bureau card requests as well. For queries on logging, and electronic QSLs, please email me – Steve VK6SJ. For queries on hard copy QSL cards, please refer to David EB7DX.



### **Anchored off Bouvet –by EY8MM**

It's hard to believe that 3 years has passed since the 3Y0Z Bouvet attempt. Will the world's remotest island be activated again within the next 3 years? Hopefully!

Watch here: <https://www.dx-world.net/anchored-off-bouvet-by-ey8mm/>

### **Your preferred choice of mode since 2016**

Think back to this time in 2016. Then fast forward to now and submit your answer to the survey. Truthful answers would be appreciated.

<https://www.dx-world.net/your-preferred-choice-of-mode-since-2016/>

### **S2IDX Manpura Island AS-140 –update**

DX-World is very happy to be S2IDX media partner providing regular updates about the DXpedition.

Other recent good news saw confirmation from Cezar VE3LYC (Operations Manager & Deputy General Manager, Islands on the Air Ltd.) that Manpura does indeed fall under IOTA AS-140 group and complies with the relevant criteria.

### **TO1K Saint MARTIN –UPDATE by Janusz SP9FIH**

I will participate in the CQ WPX SSB contest as Single Operator 40m entry if my antenna survives. My QTH in Saint Martin has very little space for antennas. I will operate until Friday 26th March on 60, 30, 17 and 12m. From the middle of next week operation will be on 40, 30, 20 and 15 meter bands.

## **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**8Q, MALDIVES** Mats RM2D/SM6LRR will be operating as 8Q7MS between March 28 and April 10. Operation in 'holiday-style' mainly from 40 to 15 meter using CW with some SSB.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Vasily R7AL, Leo UI8J, Vlad R9LR and Mike RU3UR are operating from Gaborone until March 26 as A25RU. Operation with 4 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**C6, BAHAMAS** Steve, KG4LJB is active as C6AJB from Eleuthera until March 27. QSL via LoTW.

**C6, BAHAMAS** Look for AA7JV, KN4EEI, W6IZT and W8HC until March 30 from Water Cay. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest. QSL via HA7RY and LoTW.

**CT3, MADEIRA** Helmut, DF7EE is active as CT9/call outside the CQWPX SSB contest, during the contest he will sign as CQ3W. Operation outside the contest in 'holiday-style'. QSL via QRZ.com.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Phillipe, F1DUZ is active as FG4KH until April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via home call.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Laurent, FM5BH will be QRV during the CQWW WPX SSB contest as SOAB HP. QSL via W3HNK or LoTW.

**FS, SAINT MARTIN** Janusz, SP9FIH is active as TO1K until April 5. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call. <http://fs.dxpedititions.org/>

**HC, ECUADOR** Rick, NE8Z is active as HC1MD/2 from the Santa Elena province until May 15. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4-8. QSL via K8LJG and LoTW.

**HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF extends his stay due to Covid until end April. QRV as HK3JCL. QSL via home call.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ is active again as JG8NQJ/JD1 until around half May. JD/M is #23 most wanted entity listed on Club Log.

**JW, SVALBARD** Peter, LA7QIA is operating as JW7QIA until April 7. Operation on 160 and 30 meter so far. QSL via home call.

**JW, SVALBARD** Erling, LB2PG is QRV as JW/call from Bear Island until June 1. Activity during his spare time from 80 to 20 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**JW, SVALBARD** Look for Stian as JW2T during the CQ WPX SSB contest (March 27-28). Operation 2 days before the contest using SSB and FT8. Outside the contest Stian will sign as JW/LB5SH.

**JX, JAN MAYEN** Erik LA2US is active as JX2US until April. He operates CW, FT8 and probably some more modes. Focus on 160m, 80m, 40m and 30m. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Randy, WW6RG will be back on Wake Island during March 26 and April 1. Activity will be very limited on 20 or 17 meter SSB. QSL via home call.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Tom, NL7RR is back on Wake island until around mid-May. Operation during his spare time (he works as a contractor on the island) on 40 and 20 meter using SSB. QSL direct via AL7JX or NL7WK.

**P4, ARUBA** Jean-Pierre, P43A is active as P45A until April 15 with an entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via P43A.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Martin, W1MD will be operating as PJ4G during the CQWW WPX SSB contest (March 27-28). QSL via LoTW or via K4BAI.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A is once again active as PJ7AA until March 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**TY, BENIN** Johannes, ZS6JSI is active mobile from Parakou as ZS6JSI/TY. Operation until June on 80, 40 and 20 meter using SSB and FT8 during his spare time. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**XV, VIETNAM** Brian, AA5H is operating as 3W9OK from Da Nang during March – April. Activity will be on HF using FT8 and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

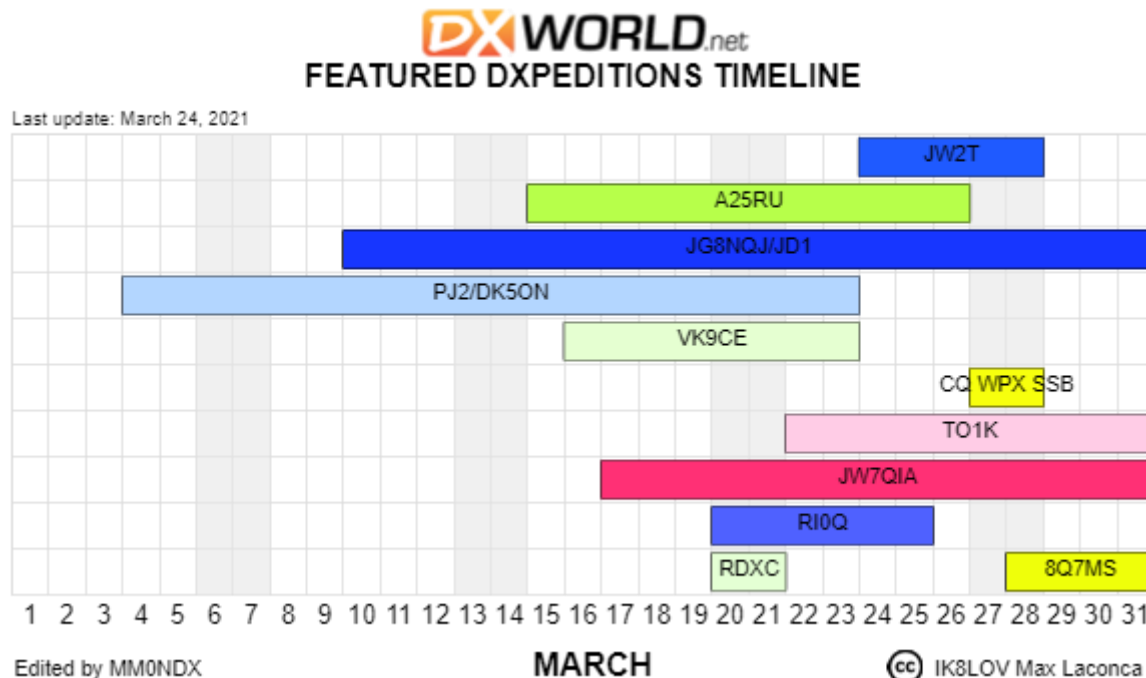
**YN, NICARAGUA** Myron, KN6GHM is QRV as H7/call from Guanacastillo until March 30. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

**ZC4, UK SOVEREIGN BASE** Garry, 2M1DHG is active for at least 2 years as ZC4GR. Activity on HF using SSB and digital modes such as FT8, SSTV, PSK31, WSPR mostly between 17 and 19 UTC "a few nights a week". QSL via EB7DX.

**ZD8, ASCENSION ISL** Tev, TA1HZ is active as ZD8HZ until mid-April. He uses 100w to a windom wire antenna. Operation during his spare time and most of the contests. QSL via home call direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log. <https://www.qrz.com/db/ZD8HZ>

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Pete, K8PGJ will again be active from Grand Cayman as ZF2PG during the CQWPX SSB contest (March 27-28). QRV before the contest from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via Home call and LoTW.

## DXCC timeline





## QSL preview



## On the scene

**RI0Q Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152, now QRV**







**A25RU Botswana, now QRV**



**TO1K Saint Martin –now QRV**



## **IOTA**

### **This week on air**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev** The Arctic Legends team (RT9K) is active as RI0Q, they plan to go QRT March 27.

<https://www.iridium360.ru/guest/journey/cc42acc8>

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-012 Shetland** Gareth, M0MOL is active as call/P during March. QRV in QRP mainly in the evenings.

**EU-028 Tuscan Archipelago** Alessandro, IU3EDK (SSB) and Andrea, IU1LCU (CW) plan to be active as IA5D from several islands in the Tuscan Archipelago in the coming weeks. The callsign is valid until the end of the year. QSL via IU3EDK.



## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-026 Long Isl** Bodo, DF8DX is active as KT3Q/2 until April 3. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DF8DX.

**NA-059 Unalaska Isl** Keith, KL2JE is operating until April 10. QRV during his spare time on 20 meter using FT8.

**NA-213 Dauphin Isl** Mark, K0EJ is active until March 26. Operation during his spare time on 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW.

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-161 Nias Isl** Mario, YD6HNL is a new operator in North Sumatra. He has been active on 15 meter using FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

**OC-245 Rupert Isl** Anton, YB5QZ with YB5WIR, YB5OB, YC5TEB and YD5NDR will be active as 7D5RI on March 26-28. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via operator's instructions; the log will be uploaded to LoTW.

**OC-268 Laut Kecil Isl** Look for Ravie YD7RV/P and others somewhere during March. QSL via LoTW. More to follow.

## **Coming up soon**

### **ASIA**

**AS-081 Geoje Isl** Sungki, HL1IWD/5 will be active in April 2-4. QRV on 40 and 20 meter using mainly CW with some FT8. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Miguel, EA1BP will be active as FM/call and as TO7O during the CQWW SSB contest. Operation from October 27 until November 5. QSL via home call and LoTW.

#### **THE REMINDERS**

##### **3X, GUINEA**

##### **9L, SIERRA LEONE**

Jean-Philippe J28PJ will be operating from these location during September 2021. A side trip to AS-037 and AF-051 is possible. More to follow.

**5H, TANZANIA** Sergey, UT9UU will be operating as 5H3UU from Dar Es Salaam during early August. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**5H, TANZANIA** Roman, RA/3W3RR (ex-9Q9RR) has announced plans to be active from Zanzibar island, AF-032. Currently no set dates as to when 5H1RR activity may happen due to COVID-19. More info to follow in due course..

**5T, MAURITANIA** Tom, DL7BO has plans to be active as 5T7OO soon and staying there for a long period. More info to follow. QSL via DJ6TF.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Nobby, G0VJG will be active as 8Q7CQ from the Reethi Faru resort between September 29 and October 13. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via M0OXO.

**A3, TONGA** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC somewhere in 2021. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active somewhere during 2021 as XR0YSP. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.



**CY0, SABLE ISL** Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CY0C Sable Island DXpedition team will be active somewhere October 2021.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM during October-November. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Marius, ON4RU will be active as FM/OQ3R between May 23 and June 5. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included as TO3F. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via home call.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed until August 8-16. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 29 and July 13. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.  
**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will be operating as J88PI between July 23 and August 1. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. <https://www.g4dvh.co.uk/dxpedition-2017>

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Takio, JH3QFL will be operating as JD1BQA between May 1 and May 7. Activity on 160, 80, 40 and 6 meter using FT4/8 and satellite RS-44 on CW. QSL via home call.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Koji, JE3GRQ has not yet concrete plans but will be operating as JD1BQI somewhere in 2021. This will be a 6 meter EME operation. More to follow.

**JW, SVALBARD** Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be operating between April 10 and April 13 as JW/calls. This operation ties in with their North Pole expedition, more info found on <https://www.grz.com/db/DC8TM>

**JW, SVALBARD** Tom, OH6VDA will be QRV as JW5E from the clubstation from Longyearbyen during April 26 and May 9. Activity in 'holiday-style'. QSL via QRZ.com.

**KH4, MIDWAY ISL** Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway during September 2021 for about 2 weeks (if the COVID 19 is under control). Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.)

More to follow.

**KH8, SWAINS ISL** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** Joseph, AD7D will be operating as OJ0D during the summer 2021. Dates not yet confirmed. More to follow.

**P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** A DXpedition will take place in honor of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nockolay Miklouho Maclay. More to follow. QSL via RM0L.

**PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS** John, W5JON will be active as PJ5/call between June 22-28. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL direct or LoTW.

**PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA** Fabio PY2RMZ and Marcio PU4MDO with maybe 2 others will be somewhere during 2021. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter. QSL via EA7FTR.

**PZ, SURINAME** Markus, DJ4EL informs: Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that, outside his PZ5G activity from SA-092, he will be active from Houத்துyn, Suriname as PZ5GE during October 9-23. QRV on 40-10m SSB. QSL via LoTW, H/c.

**TG, GUATEMALA** Dwight, VE7BV will be active as TG9BBV from Sacatepéquez during November. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TT, CHAD** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) somewhere during 2021 from Ndjamaena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only).

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay between June 12 and July 10. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

**VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND** The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce a new DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island as VK9W or VK9HR from November 3 until November 13. A team with 5 operators so far (VK2IR, VK3YP, VK2RF, VK2OK and VK2PN) will be active from 160 to 10 meter...More to follow.

**VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA** Dates are not confirmed, nor length of activity, but Bob DU7ET could again be active from Diego Garcia as VQ9ET later this year. Update to follow...

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX somewhere during 2021. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**Z6, KOSOVO** A Belgian team will be active somewhere in 2021 from Kosovo. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, OQRS.

## **Announced IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-117 Otsu Isl** Kenji, JA4GXS will be operating as call/4 on April 17-18. Activity on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**AS-140 Manpura Isl** Manju, S2IAM and Fazlay S2IRC will be active as S2IDX between December 16 and December 22. *"Manpura island is some 300km away from the capital and is situated in the south coastal belt of Bangladesh. There is some limited settlement there, and no electricity. We have selected the remote southern tips of the island for our camp. Though the lack of electricity is a challenge for us but at the same time that is a blessing – less interference."* <https://s21dx.org/>

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-168 Grand Isle** Allan, KV4T and Bridget KS4YT will again be active from Grand Isle NA-068 during the IOTA contest (July 24-25). Plan is for both stations signing with their home calls. QSL 100% via LoTW & eQSL. Full colour paper QSL available upon request with SASE via home address.

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-032 Zanzibar** Gab, H3JB will be operating as 5H1IP from September 20 until September 30. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

**AF-045 Gore Isl** A team with 6W1KI, 6W1PZ, 6W1QL, 6W7JX and others will be operating as 6V1A when the situation is possible. Activity on various bands with 2 stations using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

**AF-115 Mukawwar Isl** As news of Covid vaccines emerge – with hopefully an improving picture across the world by the middle of next year – plans for this particular island activity will restart after March 2021. Future updates will be posted here.

## **ASIA**

**AS-080 Pukkyognyolbi Isl** Kim, DS3BBC and friends will be operating as D70EXPO during July 22-25. Activity from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via DS3BBC, LoTW or Club Log.

**AS-149 Moneron Isl** Look for RI0FM between July 15 and July 31. Operation on HF with an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via RW6HS.

## **EUROPE**

**EU-068 Sein Isl** A large team will be operating as TM6KJS between May 27 and June 6. Operation from 80 meter to 23cm. 6 stations will be on air. QSL via bureau or direct (to be defined later). <https://tm6kjs.f6kjs.fr/en/home/>

**EU-111 Monach Isles** A team with G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the IOTA 2021 contest period from Ceann Ear. Outside the contest they will be active as GM3RCV.

**EU-123 Bass Rock** Team MS0INT (EI6FR, MM0NDX, MM0OKG and cameraman) has today been granted permission to land on the Bass Rock (EU-123) and to undertake an IOTA DXpedition there. Tentative date: April 17-18. The Bass Rock has only ever been activated three times (1997, 2001, 2008) according to research. The team is indebted to Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Sir Hew Dalrymple for allowing them to land on his island.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-039 Adak Isl** Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

**NA-070 Kiska Isl** Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

**NA-041 Shelter Isl** Phil, KC3CIB will be operating as call/KL7 during his spare time starting June. When time permits, he will be active on HF using mainly digital modes. QSL via home call, direct.

**NA-048 Bimini Isl** A team with Duane N4RRR, Jack K4KSW, Terry N4QBS and Richard NN2T will be operating as C6AHA from July 14 until July 21. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8.

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands (Campbell Island)** The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Campbell Island. Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame.

The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-092 Papegaaen Isl** Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaen Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during October 15-18. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.

-PZ5G grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)





-PZ5GE grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only)  
More on QRZ.com

## **Antarctica base stations**

**Belgrano II Base** Ramon, LU3HRS reports he is now active from Belgrano II Base, Coats Land, Antarctica during the 2020-2021 scientific research season. His exact locator is HB22qd. QRV mainly on 20m FT8-FT4-JT65 when time permits. QSL via LoTW or bureau via LU4AA.

**Casey station** Paul, VK2PAD is currently stationed at Casey Station, Antarctica where he works as an instrument electrician and trades supervisor. He mentions he runs an IC-7300 and/or IC-705 with a 300W linear amplifier. Antennas are 3 x 10m telescoping fiberglass poles. He has made some contacts on 20m so far and will construct further wire antennas later. Paul also says that unfortunately there's a 1Kw ionosonde transmitter about 200m away from his shack.

**King Se-Jong Base** As part of the next scientific team, look for Lee, DS4NMJ to again be active from the King Se-Jong Korean Antarctic Base on King George Island, South Shetlands as DT8A in 2021. QRV on FT8, CW & SSB, 100w. QSL via DS5TOS. Dates to be confirmed.

**Syowa Station** Takumi, JG3PLH is the operator who will be stationed at Showa Research Base, Queen Maud Land, AN-015 lasting through to January 2022. QRV as 8J1RL on HF, CW, Digital Modes. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

**Vostok Station** Alexey, RX6A is active until May 30 as RI0IANT. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW and FT8. Operation until end May 2021. QSL via home call.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**DL, GERMANY** Special call sign **DP70HSC** will be in use throughout 2021 to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy High Speed Club (<http://www.highspeedclub.org/>). QSL via bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** The Mike Delta Victor DX Group (EA3RKM) is active as **EH3DWN** from 15 March to 1 April to mark World Down Syndrome Day (21 March). QSL via LoTW and eQSL only. See <https://mikedeltavictor.com/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Three members of the Netherlands Telegraphy Club (namely PA3HEN, PA7RA and PG4I) will be active as **PA50AGCW** on 1-31 May to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Activity Group CW. QSL via PA3HEN, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** Members of the Piastowski Amateur Radio Club (SP6PAZ) will be active as **SO100PS** on 1-31 May to commemorate the centenary of the third Silesian Uprising (2 May-21 July 1921). The Silesian Uprisings ("Powstania Slaskie") were a series of three armed conflicts in Upper Silesia from 1919 to 1921 in which Poles and Polish Silesians sought to break away from Germany and join the new Polish Republic, founded after World War I. QSL via SP6PAZ and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **Scuba Ham Award: underwater and on air around the world**

DX Holiday introduces the SCUBA HAM AWARD, the diploma of amateur radio scuba divers, with the sponsorship of Mediterraneo DX Club. Operation on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. Activity during February.

SCUBA HAM's stations will call CQ Scuba Ham Award on phone, CQ Scuba on CW and DIGITAL. <https://www.dx-holiday.com/scuba-ham-award/>

**4X, ISRAEL** Look for special prefixes **4X73** and **4Z73**, followed by the station's individual suffix (e.g. 4X1VF and 4Z1AR will be signing 4X73VF and 4Z73AR respectively) to be used to celebrate the State of Israel's 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on 14-17 April, and especially during the Holyland Contest. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA** Look for **9A10FF** for the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC to use during 2021 to celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSL via LoTW or via 9A2MF direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA 9A64AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using until the end of the year to mark his 64<sup>th</sup> year in amateur radio. QSL via home call.

**CT, PORTUGAL** Valdemar, CT7AQD will be active as **CQ750RSI** throughout 2021 to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth of Aragon (1271-1336), queen consort of Portugal and patron saint of the city of Coimbra. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** until end June 2021 to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Look for **DR100JL** and **DQ100JL** from March until end May. This to mark 100 years of Junkers aviation together with **DA0FFR**, **DB0FFR**, **DF0FFR** and **DK0FFR**. <http://www.100julu.de/>

**DL, GERMANY DL21EURO** (special DOK 21EURO), operated by members of the DARC Special Events team, marks two football events to take place across Europe during 2021, the European Championship and the European Championship for players under 21 years old. QRV until July 11. QSL via bureau and DK5ON (d), eQSL, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DQ11WCA** (special DOK WCA11) activates a number of different castles and DLFF references until April 17. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically with a card, your's is not needed. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Look for **DR165TESLA** by members of DARC OV Mainz during 2021. This to celebrate the 165<sup>th</sup> birthday of Nikola Tesla. QRV on all bands using all modes. QSL via DK8ZZ, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. Your card is not needed.

**DL, GERMANY** The Radio High Speed Telegraphy Club (HSC) celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **DK0HSC** (special DOK HSC70) during 2021. A good opportunity to work this and the club's other stations, DL0HSC and DF0HSC, will be during the upcoming HSC Contest. QSL via bureau. <http://www.highspeedclub.org/> (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Uwe, DO2PZ will be active as **DB100AVUS** throughout 2021 to celebrate The 100th anniversary of the AVUS (Automobil-Verkehrs- und Übungsstrasse, "Automobile traffic and training road"). Located in the south-west of Berlin and opened in 1921, it is the oldest controlled-access motorway in Europe. Until 1998, it was also used as a motor racing circuit. QSL via DO2PZ, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DR50AGCW** will be active throughout 2021 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft CW DL (Activity Group CW DL. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Commemorating the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Friedrich Clemens Gerke, members of DARC Ortsverband Kerpen G29 are active as **DC220GERKE** until end April. QSL via DJ6SI (direct or bureau). Gerke (1801-1888) was the reformer of the

Morse code; his improved version of the original code was adopted by the International Telegraph Union (the precursor of today's ITU) in 1865. (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** URE San Fernando (EA7URF) is participating in the official celebrations for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the Earth [425DXN 1467]. The fifth in a series of **AM500** special event stations representing a milestone of the voyage will be **AM500MMM**, to be active from 24 April to 2 May to memorialize Ferdinand Magellan's death on the island of Mactan (Philippines). QSL via EA7URF (bureau or direct), LoTW and eQSL. Previously active were AM500SEV, AM500SAN, AM500ISJ and AM500ETS. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Special callsign **TM150PAR** is active until May 16 to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paris Commune, the revolutionary government that ruled Paris (18 March-28 May 1871) and had significant influence on the ideas of Karl Marx. QSL via F4HZS. (TNX 425DX)

**G, ENGLAND** The Hull & District Amateur Radio Society (HADARS, G3AMW, G8GBY & M0KUH) celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **GB100H** during 2021 on 160m-70cm. Operators are Bernard/G0SWO, Bryn/M0GPN, Chris/G1WSA, John/M0JBA, Steve/M0OYR, Tony/G0WJK, and Trevor/G7IWE. QSL via GB100H (d/B) and eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**G, ENGLAND** The British Railways Amateur Society (BRARS) celebrates its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **GBOLMR** throughout the year. The group plans to get on the air also during events like Railways on the Air. QRV mainly during daytime hours on 40-10m (SSB, PSK31/63). QSL via bureau or 2E1HQY (d). (TNX DXNL)

**G, ENGLAND** Special callsign **GB75ISWL** will be active "on most bands and modes" throughout 2021 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Short Wave League. QSL via bureau. <https://www.iswl.org.uk/> (TNX 425DX)

**GW, WALES** John, MW1CFN is active as **GB1004FTS** from Anglesey until April 8. He will operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands, 6 and 2m. QSL via LoTW or direct. The special call celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Air Force's No. 4 Flying Training School, opened on 1 April 1921. (TNX 425DX)

**HL, KOREA** Special event station **D90EXPO** is active until October 17 to promote the 2021 World Military Culture Expo that will take place in the city of Gyeryong on 1-17 October. QSL via LoTW or via DS3BBC; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Venice, traditionally set on 25 March 421, and the 75th anniversary of ARI Venezia (<http://www.arivenezia.it/>), **II3VE** and **IQ3VE** are active on various bands and modes until end November. QSLs via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** The ARI Fidenza Club (IQ4FE) issues an award "Elettra: The Miracle Ship" in 2021, drawing attention to Marconi's yacht Elettra and its significance in his radio experiments. During March, **II4RDF** commemorates experiments conducted aboard the yacht near Lisbon in 1920. QSL via IQ4FE. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Quartu Sant'Elena (IQ0AM) celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **II0QSE** until June 30 on HF (SSB, CW, digital modes). An award is also available. QSL via IS0AGY (D/B). (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Carpi (Modena) will operate special callsign **II4CPC** on 12-28 March to commemorate the 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chilean town of Capitan Pastene, founded by Italian settlers who arrived from Modena in two successive migrations. Also active will be CB6I (operated by members of Radio Club Traiguen) and LU6DK (operated by LU1DIE and LU8DAL, representing the Circulo de Radioaficionados de Dolores). Three certificates will be available, see CB6I's entry on qrz.com for information. QSL CB6I via CE6TRA (direct); QSL II4CPC via IQ4DJ (bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** **II1DCC** ("Drake & Collins Collectors") is the special callsign for a "vintage activity" to be conducted until 31 December 2021. Marco, IK1RAE and other operators will use exclusively Drake and Collins pieces of equipment, and will be QRV on the HF bands (30, 17 and 12 metres excluded) SSB, CW and maybe AM. QSL via the bureau to IK1RAE. (TNX 425DX)



**ISO, SARDINIA** Special callsign **II0QSE** will be active from Quartu Sant'Elena, Sardinia (EU-024) until June 30 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the local branch of ARI. QSL via ISOAGY, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**JA, JAPAN** Members of JARL Joetsu Club is active as **8N0J** until end April 2022. This to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Joetsu, Niigata. All QSO's will be confirmed automatically. QSL direct if needed via JJ0AWX. (TNX 425DX)

**JA, JAPAN** Look for special calls **/60** to mark the Okinawa Amateur Radio 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival Activities during 2021. All stations QRV in Okinawa Prefecture may use the suffix. <https://www.jarl.com/okinawa/>

**LU, ARGENTINA** Special event station **L21RCA** will be active throughout 2021 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Radio Club Argentino, the national IARU member society, which was founded on 21 October 1921. QSL via LoTW or via LU4AA (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** Celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in amateur radio, Andy, LX1DA will be active as **LX40DA** until end March, and again from 1 September to 31 December. QSL via LX1DA; the log will be uploaded to Club Log and (after the end of the year) to LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**LY, LITHUANIA** Celebrating the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania (11 March 1990), special callsigns **LY31A** and **LY11LY** will be active on 1-31 March. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special callsigns throughout 2021 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ250KG** (March), **LZ1612EN** (April), **LZ1072BG** (May), **LZ308WK** (June), **LZ950TM** (July), **LZ363ER** (August), **LZ305AI** (September), **LZ1337KM** (October), **LZ1470IN** (November) and **LZ14MP** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria.

**OA, PERU** Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peruvian independence, the Radio Club Peruano will activate four special callsigns until the end of the year: **OC200P** (May and September), **OC200E** (June and October), **OC200R** (March, July and November) and **OC200U** (April, August and December). QSLs via OA4O. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE100BL** is the special callsign issued to the Burgenlaendischer Amateur Radio Club for celebrating throughout 2021 the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Burgenland became an Austrian state. QSL via OE4JHW. Individual operators may also apply for OE100 to replace their prefix (e.g. OE4EIE will be signing OE100EIE). An award will be available, (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** The VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A) is active again on all bands and modes as **C7A** (<http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a/c7a/>) throughout March. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via UA3DX, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**OH, FINLAND** **OF60RR** draws attention to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the steel mill Rautaruukki. QRV until March 2022. QSL via bureau or via OH8DR direct. (TNX DXNL)

**OH, FINLAND** Look for **OH100SRAL** during 2021, this to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL). QSL via LoTW or bureau (early 2022).

**OZ, DENMARK** Special callsign **OVOJUTLANDIA** is active until end March to commemorate hospital ship Jutlandia's humanitarian expedition (1951-1953) and Denmark's contribution to the United Nations during the Korean War. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**PY, BRAZIL** Special callsign **PQ213CFN** is active until end March to celebrate the 213<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brazilian Marine Corps, which traces its origin to March 1808. QSL via LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. A certificate will be available for download. (TNX 425DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** During 2021, **SD400SU** celebrates the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city Sundsvall. Operators are the members of the Sundsvall Amateur Radio Club (SK3BG). QSL via SM3NXS (d/B), Club Log OQRS. (TNX DXNL)

**SM, SWEDEN** **SK75AT** is the special call for the Foreningen Umea Radioamatorer Club (SK2AT) to celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary until end 2021. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** **SN0ZOSP** and **SN100ZOSP** celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association of the Voluntary Fire Brigades of the Republic of Poland until February 5, 2022. QSL for SN0ZOSP via SP9ODM, SN100ZOSP via SP9SPJ. (TNX DXNL)

**SP, POLAND** **HF100LEM**, operating from Krakow, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Polish writer Stanislaw Lem during 2021. QSL via SP9PKZ. (TNX DXNL)

**SP, POLAND** SP1DPA, SP1EG, SP1MGM, SQ1PSA and SQ3PMX are active as **SQ0MORSE** until end April to commemorate the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Samuel F.B. Morse (1791-1872). QSL via SP1EG. (TNX 425DX)

**SV, GREECE** Savas, SV2AEL is active until the end of March with special call **J42A**. QRV on SSB, CW, RTTY, FT8, FT4 from 160m to 6m. Also, he will participate in the Russian DX Contest and WPX SSB Contest. Online log and live streaming are available under Club Log services. QSL via SV2AEL – Savas Pavlidis, PO BOX 4220, Perea, 57019, Greece or via QORS. All contacts will be uploaded daily to LoTW.

**SV, GREECE** Amateur radio operators from Greece have been granted permission to use special prefixes until end 2021 to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Greek Revolution of 1821 which led to the formation of modern Greece. The special prefixes do not differentiate the call areas: Class 1 licensees can replace SV# with **SX200** (e.g. SX200AEL is SV2AEL, while SX200RMA is SV8RMA and SX200COL is SV9COL), Class 2 licensees can replace SY# with **SY200**, club stations can replace SZ# with **SZ200**. (TNX 425DX)

**SV, GREECE** 200 Years of Greek Independence Award On air during 2021.

The Greek War of Independence, also known as the Greek Revolution (Greek: Ελληνική Επανάσταση, Elliniki Epanastasi; referred to by Greeks in the 19th century as simply the Αγώνας, Agonas, "Struggle", was a successful war of independence waged by Greek revolutionaries against the Ottoman Empire between 1821 and 1830. Any Greek station, foreigners Greeks or friends of Greece all over the world may join "200 Years of Greek Independence Award". All mode and types of QSO are valid. Award manager is SV2RCK. <https://sv2rck.gr/200YEARS/>

**SV, GREECE** Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Revolution of 1821, the Radio Amateur Association of Western Peloponnese will operate special call signs **SZ21AD, SZ21GK, SZ21LB, SZ21PF** and **SZ21TK** (the suffixes memorialize five prominent figures in the Greek War of Independence) as well as **SZ1821R** on 1-31 March. QSLs via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**TI, COSTA RICA** On September 15, 2021, the Bicentennial of the Independence of Costa Rica will be celebrated with great fanfare. In commemoration of such an important and historical event, a team of radio amateurs will be activating the special call sign **TI200I** to celebrate 200 years of independent life of Costa Rica.

The goal is to make Costa Rican independence known to the world with pride on its Bicentennial. Activation until October 29.

Bands – 6 to 80m (+ 2m).

Modes – SSB, CW and FT8 (+ FM).

Contacts will be confirmed via LoTW, QRZ & QSL manager.

The team of operators will be announced soon.

**UA, RUSSIA** **R1934G, R108M, RG61PP** and **R1961G** are the special call signs which will be active from the Smolensk Oblast from 1 March until 30 April to commemorate the 87th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's birth (9 March 1934) and the 60th anniversary of his historic 108-minute first flight ("Pervyj Poljot") into outer space (12 April 1961). (TNX 425DX)

**UA, RUSSIA** **R125PR** (RDA SP-16) celebrates Alexander S. Popov's first wireless transmission 125 years during March. An award is also available. QSL via R1AU. (TNX DXNL)

**UR, UKRAINE** Nikolay UX0FF celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> year on the air with the call sign **EO50FF** during 2021. QSL via UX0FF direct or bureau, LoTW, eQSL.

**UR, UKRAINE** Special call sign **EM25VER** has been active since 1 February to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Antarctic station "Akademik Vernadsky" (formerly a British research base that existed for nearly fifty years, it was handed over to Ukraine on 6 February 1996). QSL via UT1KY. (TNX 425DX)

**UR, UKRAINE** Special calls **EM150PLU**, **EN150PLU** and **EO150PLU** are active during 2021 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Lesya Ukrainka (1871-1913), one of Ukrainian literature's foremost writers. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**UR, UKRAINE** Look for **EN100LT** to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kharkiv Theater for Children and Youth. Operation until end March. QSL via UT5LU.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** The Pride Radio Group is active as **VI2021PRIDE** during 10 April-5 May and 1-30 June. A unique QSL card will be issued for each event. QSL via VK3FUR direct. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** From our modest beginnings in 1921, Air Force has grown into a potent, World class Air Force which Australia relies upon in both conflict and peace. The men and women of the Royal Australian Air Force have achieved great success in serving Australia and its national interest over the past 100 years.

The RAAF was formed on 31st March 1921, to mark this Centenary the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) will be celebrating with two call signs:

**VK100AF** 1st March to 31st August 2021, which will be used by a team of Radio Amateurs across the bands around Australia.

**VI100AF** 1st March 2021 to 29th May 2021 will be used by Radio Amateurs that are either current or veteran military personnel and some activities may be from military bases.

Stuart Birkin. VK8NSB will be organising the event that will be aired by many Radio Amateurs across Australia as we celebrate this centenary with you. A team of 40+ operators across Australia will operating over the next few months.

QSL Information: A commemorative 4-sided QSL will be printed for direct QSL requests.

OQRS Link for Direct & Bureau QSL VI100AF:

<https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php?dxcallsign=VI100AF>

OQRS Link for Direct & Bureau QSL VK100AF:

<https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php?dxcallsign=VK100AF>

Direct: QSL \$2 Via M0URX

Bureau: Please only use OQRS. No Bureau route for incoming Bureau

LoTW: will be uploaded.

**VR, HONG KONG** As one of the most popular icons in modern history, the legendary martial arts master Bruce Lee still inspires people worldwide more than 47 years after his passing. His great achievements transcend territories, time and disciplines. His charisma radiated from the silver screen, his prowess amazed the martial arts community, his profound legacy lives on forever in the hearts of people. To salute the all-time superstar, Hong Kong 1555th Kowloon Group (VR2CS) presents a Special Event call **VR2BLEE** operated by Igor VR2ZQZ. Operation until end January 2022.

**YU, SERBIA** On the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of continuous activity of the callsign **YU1ANO**, the Serbian Administration has authorized the Belgrade Amateur Radio Club to use the special callsign YU51ANO until June 15. QSL via YU1EA. (TNX 425DX)

**YU, SERBIA** Members of the Serbian CW Club are active as **YT165TESLA** until the end of the year to commemorate the 165th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla (10 July 1856). QSL via the bureau, LoTW, or direct to YU1MM. (TNX 425DX)